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Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, Detroit, Michigan, elected President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at the 41st Convention

New National Officers

New officers of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers were elected and installed as follows, at the 41st Annual Convention in Richmond, Virginia, May 3-7:

President—Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, Detroit, Michigan (three-year term).

First Vicepresident—Mrs. John E. Hayes, Twin Falls, Idaho (three-year term).

Second Vicepresident—Dr. Thomas W. Gosling, Washington, D. C. (two-year term).

Secretary—Mrs. Warren L. Mabrey, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (three-year term).

Treasurer—Dr. William T. Sanger, Richmond, Virginia (three-year term).

National Vicepresidents:

Mrs. Simon S. Lapham, Providence, Rhode Island (three-year term).

Mrs. James G. Sheehan, Danville, Kentucky (two-year term).

Mrs. James Fitts Hill, Montgomery, Alabama (one-year term).

Mrs. William A. Hastings, Madison, Wisconsin (two-year term).

Mrs. Chris Hirning, Mitchell, South Dakota (one-year term).

Mrs. L. A. Mailhes, Shreveport, Louisiana (two-year term).

Mrs. William Kletzer, Portland, Oregon (one-year term).

Mrs. C. H. Turner, Redondo Beach, California (one-year term).

Executive Committee

The National officers and the following three members-at-large, elected by the National Board of Managers, comprise the Executive Committee: John W. Faust, New York City, National Recreation Chairman; Dr. William McKinley Robinson, Kalamazoo, Michigan, National Rural Service Chairman; Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, Cincinnati, Ohio, National Parent Education Chairman.

The Executive Committee will meet in Chicago, June 12 and 13, at the Stevens Hotel.

Resolutions Adopted at The 41st Annual Convention

Through forty years, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has concerned itself with home, school, and community problems which affect the welfare of children, youth, and their parents. Changing social conditions have brought new problems, many of which are but variations of problems previously recognized from time to time by the Congress through its long history. Today these problems appear in new relationships, due in part to changing economic and social conditions and also in part to an increasing appreciation of the worth of the individual and his place in social life.

As life becomes more complex, education in all its aspects grows increasingly important. The task of education is to insure that each oncoming generation will have the basic knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and appreciations necessary for effective living in a democracy and for maintaining peace throughout the world.

The assumption of more responsibilities by government, and the extension of governmental services require a consideration as to what is involved in citizenship. What are the citizen's local, state, and national responsibilities, his obligations, his opportunities?

Problems of human conservation are present in both urban and rural areas. Extended services in health and safety as they relate to physical, mental, and emotional stability are imperative. An educational program in social hygiene, in the effects of the use of alcohol and narcotics, must be provided and must function if the citizens of tomorrow are to be strong of body, creative of mind, and capable of making adjustments to changing conditions.

The importance of maintaining security in the face of unemployment, crime and fluctuating economic and social conditions make it necessary to consider the factors which tend to stabilize, but not stultify, social life. The serious problems of economic and social adjustment due to the removal of youth from industry make provision for youth a matter which demands immediate attention. Housing conditions, inadequate home life, and the inability of many family units to provide the economic resources for effective living create problems of the greatest importance to democracy. Of equal importance to our well-being and security is the security and well-being of other nations. The extension of authoritarianism in other nations must be reviewed with alarm by those who believe in democracy.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers desires to reiterate its stand as to the importance of effec-

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National Committee Chairmen

Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, announces the election of national committee chairmen for the three-year term, 1937-1940, as follows:

Art—Elizabeth Robertson, Chicago.

Character Education—Dr. Joseph M. Artman, Chicago.

Child Hygiene—Mary E. Murphy, Chicago.

Congress Publications—Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Exceptional Child—Dr. John E. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Founders Day—Mrs. Percy F. Powell, Lincoln, Nebr.

Home Education—Ellen C. Lombard, Washington, D. C.

Homemaking—Florence Fallgatter, Washington, D. C.

Humane Education—Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols, Tacoma, Wash.

International Relations — Mrs. Francis H. Blake, Albion, N. Y.

Juvenile Protection—Mrs. Scott Wood, Hot Springs, Ark.

Legislation—Mrs. Mary T. Bannerman, Washington, D. C.

Library Service—Julia Wright Merrill, Chicago.

Membership — Mary England, Montgomery, Ala.

Mental Hygiene—Evelyn Eastman, Dallas, Tex.

Motion Pictures and Visual Education—Dr. Edgar Dale, Columbus, Ohio.

Music—Grace Van Dyke Moore, Greensboro, N. C.

National Parent-Teacher—Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, Tacoma, Wash.

Parent Education—Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Radio—B. H. Darrow, Columbus, Ohio.

Recreation—John W. Faust, New York, N. Y.

Rural Service—Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Safety—Marian L. Telford, New York, N. Y.

School Education—Charl O. Williams, Washington, D. C.

Social Hygiene—Aimee Zillmer, Madison, Wis.

Student Aid—Mrs. F. H. Devere, Auburn, R. I.

Study of the Use and Effect of Alcohol and Narcotics—Howard V. Funk, Bronxville, N. Y.

Summer Round-Up of the Children—Dr. Lillian R. Smith, Lansing, Mich.

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National President: Mrs. J. K. Pettengill
General Secretary: William H. Bristow
Editor: Clarice Wade

Magazine Editor

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, retiring president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, is the newly elected Editor-in-Chief of the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine.

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A few copies of the National Convention Delegates Notebook, containing Officers Reports, the Official Convention Program, outlines of conferences, and other material are available from the National Office. Price 50 cents each.

Delegates to the National Convention who failed to obtain the Convention News Sheet on Friday may secure a copy by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelop, with the request, to the National Office.

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The President of State Teachers College, Towson, Maryland, has requested the Maryland Congress to put on a series of talks on the parent-teacher movement, during the spring term.

A student conference was sponsored at the State Teachers College, Salisbury, April 9 and 10, by the Maryland Congress and the college.

World Federation Conference

Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, National President, will represent the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at the Biennial Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations and the International Federation of Home and School in Tokyo, Japan, August 2-7. Mrs. Pettengill will sail from Seattle on the Japanese steamer, *Hiye Maru,* on July 2.

William B. Higgs, Honorary Secretary of the International Federation of Home and School, London, England, writes that although the Executive Committee has decided to hold the business sessions of the International Federation in Paris, toward the end of July, "It is of the utmost importance that the Federation be strongly represented at Tokyo. . . . The Home and School Section of the World Federation, which is being so ably organized by Dr. Sozo Kurahashi, in Tokyo, goes forward as planned. The only difference there will be is that the business meetings will take place not in Tokyo, but in Paris."

Mrs. Pettengill plans to stop over in Honolulu as the guest of the Hawaii Congress en route home from Toyko.

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Resolutions

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tive educational programs including a greater use of modern educational channels. Such programs must recognize the personal worth of the individual and enable him to attain his highest possible development.

We believe that concerted effort is needed to control the forces of crime and racketeering in this country; to relieve unemployment; to stop exploitation of natural resources and initiate a program of conservation; and to protect children and youth from exploitation by selfish interests.

In the midst of all of our modern social development stands the home—the basic social unit—subject to, and influenced by social, political and economic forces. We further believe that education for parenthood, human relations and citizenship must be developed on a far wider scale in order to create in each home, appreciation and understanding of the values fundamental to the accomplishment of these ends.

P.T.A. at N.E.A.

The Parent-Teacher Section of the convention of the National Education Association will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on Monday afternoon, June 28, at 2 oclock, at the Church House Auditorium of the Central Methodist Church. Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will lead the panel discussion.

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The following Advisory Committee to the Traffic Safety Education Project which is directed by Marian L. Telford, New York, National Chairman of Safety, was appointed at the National Convention in Richmond: Mrs. Mary T. Bannerman, Washington, D. C.; B. H. Darrow, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Edgar Dale, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, Arlington, Tennessee; Mrs. William A. Hastings, Madison, Wisconsin; Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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The Nominating Committee for Election of Officers in 1938 is as follows: Mrs. Albert L. Smith, Winnfield, Louisiana; Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. Louis R. Fulton, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Bonham, Texas; Mrs. B. C. Clark, Sutter Creek, California.

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The 1938 National Convention will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Invitations for the 1939 National Convention were presented at the convention in Richmond by state presidents for the following cities: Oklahoma City, Okla.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Chicago, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Omaha, Nebr.

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The name of the National Committee on Motion Pictures has been changed to *Motion Pictures and Visual Education.*

Parent-Teacher Courses and Conferences Summer 1937

State	*Date*	*College*	*Conducted by*
Alabama	June 21-26	University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	William H. Bristow
Connecticut	July 26-30	Yale University, New Haven	Frances S. Hays
	August 2-3	Connecticut State College, Storrs	Frances S. Hays
Kansas	July 5-9	State Teachers College, Pittsburgh	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
Kentucky	July 26-31	University of Kentucky, Lexington	Alice Sowers
Louisiana	July 12-16	State Normal School, Nachitoches	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
Maryland	July 13-17	University of Maryland, College Park	Frances S. Hays
Mississippi	June 7-11	Delta State Teachers Col., Cleveland	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
	June 14-18	State Teachers College, Hattiesburg	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
Nebraska	June 21-25	Univ. of Nebr. Teachers Col., Lincoln	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
	June 28-July 2	Nebr. State Teachers Col., Kearney	Mrs. Charles E. Roe
New Hampshire	July 19-24	Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham	Frances S. Hays
Tennessee	June 11-13	George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville	William H. Bristow
	June 7-19	Parent-Teacher Conferences held at Teachers Colleges	Mrs. Walter H. Buhlig
West Virginia	July	W. Va. University, Morgantown	Mrs. Charles E. Roe

National Parent-Teacher Awards

First place in the nine classes of states competing for the awards in the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine contest, sponsored during the past year, were won by Illinois, New Jersey, Washington, Kansas, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Montana, and Wyoming. Awards were presented to the winning branches at the National Convention.

All subscription awards for the 1936-37 campaign were based on percent of subscribers in proportion to memberships as of April 15, 1936, with the states divided into nine classes according to membership.

A 45 percent increase in subscriptions from all sources during the previous year was reported by the *National Parent-Teacher* committee, with a gain of more than 90 percent during the three-year period. Illinois leads in subscriptions with 9,500.

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States which had full quotas of delegates at the National Convention in Richmond were as follows: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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The members of the Endowment Fund Committee are: Mrs. Walter B. Fry (1 year); Mrs. Simon S. Lapham (2 years); Dr. William T. Sanger (3 years).

New State Presidents

Alabama—Mrs. B. R. Showalter, Auburn.

Kentucky—Mrs. C. A. Schroetter, Crestview Hills, Covington.

New Hampshire—Mrs. Andrew J. Ayer, 76 Page Street, Keene.

Oregon—Mrs. C. W. Walls, 417 Oregon Building, 509 S. W. Oak St., Portland.

South Carolina—Mrs. Paul Leonard, 2609 Blossom St., Columbia.

Wisconsin—Mrs. H. P. Stoll, 421 Insurance Bldg., 119 Monona Avenue, Madison.

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The Kalamazoo County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations had an exhibit of P.T.A. materials at the Thirty-first Annual Rural Progress Day at Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, in March.

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Arizona Congress sponsors a statewide radio program every other Tuesday afternoon called "The P. T.A. on the Air." Subjects presented include Public Welfare, Mental Hygiene, Safety, Motion Pictures, and Recreation.

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A modest home, representative of that of the average Texas family, is being planned by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers to house its headquarters, which are now located in the State Capitol building in Austin, according to Mrs. M. A. Taylor, State President.

Summer Round-Up Awards

New Jersey placed first in Class A of states having the largest percentage of local units carrying through the 1936 campaign of the Summer Round-Up of the Children, major health project of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Certificate awards were made to winning state branches at the National Convention in Richmond. All state branches having over 300 units registered are designated as Class A, with the five other classes rated according to their number of units.

In Class B, Iowa won first place; Indiana was first in Class C; Wisconsin led Class D; and District of Columbia was highest in Class F.

The P.T.A. Summer Round-Up consists of a physical examination in the spring of all children who will enter school for the first time in the fall, attention to all remediable defects, including immunization for diphtheria and vaccination for smallpox during the summer (where these have not been previously given) and a final checkup in the fall to determine the health of the child. Dr. Lillian R. Smith, of the Michigan State Department of Health, Lansing, is National Summer Round-Up Chairman, and Ruth Bottomly, Washington, D. C., is Summer Round-Up Secretary.

Texas was first in Class A for the state branches having largest percentage of children immunized against diphtheria. In Class B, Tennessee was first; in Class C, Georgia; Class D, Virginia; Class E, Louisiana; and Class F, New Mexico. The highest award for vaccination against smallpox went to Pennsylvania; North Carolina scoring in B Class; Georgia winning in C Class; Virginia in D; South Carolina in E; and District of Columbia in F.

California won first award in Class A for having the largest percentage of children receiving medical care out of the number who were found to be in need of such attention during the 1936 checkup. Minnesota won first honors in Class B; Washington was first in Class C; Colorado rated highest in Class D; Louisiana in Class E; and Mississippi in Class F.

Texas was again the winner in Class A for having the largest percentage of children receiving dental care out of the number found to be in need of such attention during the 1936 checkup. Iowa placed first in Class B; Washington was high scorer in Class C; Colorado in Class D; South Carolina in Class E; and New Mexico in Class F.

CONGRESS MEMBERSHIP TOPS 2,000,000

Membership Awards

Forty-three states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii reported higher memberships for the 1936-37 term, carrying the total membership of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers well over the two million mark. Total P.T.A. membership for 1936-37 now stands at 2,056,777, a gain of 179,606 over last year's total of 1,877,171.

The membership banner was awarded at the National Convention to the Florida state branch with a gain of 7,532, or 51 percent, as based on state population. Hawaii was second with 1,798 new members, a 48 percent advance, figured on population.

Illinois came through with the largest actual number of new memberships, announcing a gain of 18,479 in that state for the past year. Ohio was second with 13,933; Pennsylvania, third, with 9,755; Tennessee, fourth, with 9,625; Indiana, sixth, with 8,674; and West Virginia, seventh, with 8,407.

Maryland parent-teacher membership was more than doubled during 1936-37, moving up from 3,723 to 8,046 during the twelve-month period, a unique record as based on percentage of former membership.

California still leads all the other states in point of number of members. The first ten states in the order of their present enrolment follow:

California	221,989
Ohio	146,183
Illinois	141,740
Pennsylvania	113,291
Texas	108,810
New York	103,292
New Jersey	83,891
Indiana	70,853
Michigan	68,682
Missouri	64,910

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Alabama	40,228
Arizona	7,997
Arkansas	31,621
California	221,989
Colorado	51,193
Connecticut	23,386
Delaware	3,686
District of Columbia	15,008
Florida	47,239
Georgia	44,322
Hawaii	14,193
Idaho	6,213
Illinois	141,740
Indiana	70,853
Iowa	46,016
Kansas	38,164
Kentucky	32,798
Louisiana	17,153
Maine	6,711
Maryland	8,046
Massachusetts	24,928
Michigan	68,682
Minnesota	47,580
Mississippi	11,703
Missouri	64,910
Montana	8,190
Nebraska	22,530
*Nevada	1,055
New Hampshire	3,861
New Jersey	83,891
New Mexico	3,204
New York	103,292
North Carolina	59,582
North Dakota	11,189
Ohio	146,183
Oklahoma	22,431
Oregon	24,646
Pennsylvania	113,291
Rhode Island	8,996
South Carolina	9,008
South Dakota	11,454
Tennessee	51,131
Texas	108,810
Utah	9,566
Vermont	9,079
Virginia	30,479
Washington	46,812
West Virginia	51,544
Wisconsin	27,894
Wyoming	2,320
TOTAL	2,056,777

*Not a state branch.